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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Directors/Coordinators, Exceptional Children Programs

**FROM:** William J. Hussey, Director *WJH*  
Exceptional Children Division

**RE:** **Homebound/Modified Day Survey**

In the fall of 2016, Disability Rights NC approached the NC DPI Exceptional Children Division with concerns about homebound placements of students with disabilities in NC. Concerns about the placements include lack of legal justification, length, frequency, lack of appropriate academic instruction, effects on educational outcomes, hardship on working parents, and use with other forms of exclusion, including suspension and modified day schedules. In response, DPI reviewed internal data about homebound placements and proposed that Disability Rights and DPI partner to facilitate a stakeholder group to attempt to address these concerns.

This stakeholder group has met twice since January and includes professionals from schools, advocacy organizations, community disability and mental health providers, and others. The focus has been open, thoughtful dialogue about the challenges of serving students with significant behavior support and/or intensive education needs, and improved solutions for addressing those needs.

As a result of this dialogue, data gaps have been identified – specifically the root causes for homebound placements and the length of time students are placed on homebound or modified day. This stakeholder group is requesting your participation in a survey of homebound and modified day placements during the 2016-2017 school year. The results are confidential and will be used to inform the next steps of this stakeholder group. Those steps may potentially result in statewide guiding practices for homebound/modified day placements and resources to consider when placement decisions are made.

The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y28FFT3>

Responses will be collected through Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Participation is greatly appreciated. Contact Carol Ann Hudgens, Section Chief- Policy, Monitoring and Audit, at [carolannhudgens@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:carolannhudgens@dpi.nc.gov) with additional questions or concerns.

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